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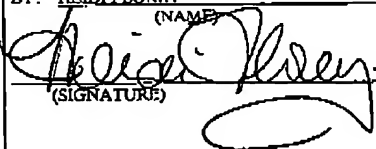
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Sir:

This document is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2006 in connection with the above-referenced application.

The Examiner asserts that the application defines patentably distinct species as set forth below:

Species A-Figures 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13

Species B-Figures 14, 15, 16

Species C-Figures 17, 18, 19

Species D-Figure 20

Species E-Figure 22

Species F-Figures 23, 24.

The Examiner has required that Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be

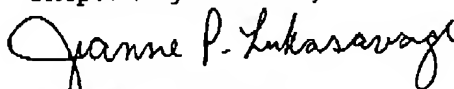
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allowable. The Examiner has indicated that currently claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 17 are generic.

Applicant elects Species F as shown in Figures 23-31 without traverse. Applicant further submits that claims 3-6, 8, and 13-17 are directed to Species F.

Applicant believes no additional fees are due in connection with filing this response. However, if any fees are due the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 02-1666. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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